

LEC 11/13/16

September 2016 LEC - Denbigh Christian Academy, 9/11/16 at 17:00

NOTE: All Budget documents should be accessible via email, and will be posted on the Website following postage of these minutes.

Called to Order and Obligation given by Lodge Chief at 17:04

Motion - To approve the October LEC Minutes

Discussion - None

Vote - Carries

Treasurer Report

None Provided

Membership Report

Wahunsenakah Lodge, Colonial Virginia Council #595
Vital Statistics - 2016
Lodge

Lodge Membership Total: 539 **Inactive: 3** **Deceased: 1**

Youth/Adult Count		Level Count	
Youth	287	Ordeal	180
Adult	250	Brotherhood	237
Unknown	2	Vigil	121
		Unknown	1

Induction Counts

Elected	107
Ordeal	96
Brotherhood Eligible	132
Converted	47
Vigil	14

Induction Rates

Ordeal	59.72%
Brotherhood	35.61%

Chapter Breakdown

Chapter Name	Members	Brotherhood		
		Conversion	Eligible	Percent
Kecoughtan	132	18	26	69%
Nansemond	163	11	36	31%
Nottoway	55	8	13	62%
Plankatank	44	2	15	13%
Wicomico	145	8	42	19%

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Officer Reports

- Treasurer- Fixing things! Working to update website for reimbursements, making check-in easier -

less out of Reid's pocket, literally.

- 2Admin - Open positions - will be speaking to Josh later about potential candidates he found
- Secretary - Thanks to attendees of Pumpkin Chunking
- 2Program/1Vice - Conclave!

Committee Reports

- Communications - Website redesign and November Duck Call
- AIA - Carolina Indian Seminar, \$38 on Jan 22
- Kitchen - Spring will still be an issue, working on stuff for next service weekend
- ID - All patch designs for next year are in and ready to make. Patch for Conclave will be ready to be presented to the LEC in January.
- Camping Promotions - Updating Where to Go Camping guide
- Spirit - Brandon Fenters is new chairman (Obtained: Duck Call x1 !!)
- Elangomat - Reviewing Ordeal process and applying new tactics learned from Blue Heron
- Council Support - Very good showing from the Lodge at Pumpkin Chunking - 8 on top of Lumberjack's 1! Looking at Mr. Johnson for advisor.
- Service - Continuing on Skills Inventory, and will be collecting information at Holiday Banquet
- Historian - Requested meeting with Scott through Zach for recovering Lodge history. Auction - \$280 for Lodge. Motion tabled last month for giving funds to recover history.
- Nimat - Need to talk to Chapter Chiefs.
- Vigil - 9 new Vigil members. Looking for another date for people unable to make that weekend; looking like the day after Thanksgiving.

Chapter Reports

- KEC - Fall Fellowship, Weeblore campfire on the same weekend. Trying to finish Holiday Banquet.
- WIC - Had meeting last Thursday. Clarification of FYAA requirements with "one calendar year".
- NOT - Service Project delayed for attendance, planned to have chapter event in December w/ pizza, games, and patch trading.
- NAN - Nov 18: Mayflower Marathon, Chick-fil-a by Coliseum 6-9 collecting food.

Old Business

- Fall Fellowship: Had a good time, both Lodges enjoyed the joint, Battle of Birds was 2-3, us losing. Iron Duck awarded to Chris Badalis, one man Wicomico team.
- Holiday Banquet: Warren Davis, Eagle scout, NASA scientist, and walked Pacific Crest trail. Guest speaker. Finalizing things this Wednesday. Nov. 19 is deadline to sign up. Form to sign up on website.
- Open Committees: Brandon is new Spirit Trail, Franklin West looking into ID chair.
- Conclave Spirit: Duck Dynasty and Ducks!
- Tabled Motion: To give patch auction funds to Historian for reclaiming missing patches.

Motion - To open the floor to discuss whether funds from the patch auction will be used to the Historian to buy patches

Discussion - "It's a good cause. To bring the history back."

Motion - To approve the funds to be given to the Historian to buy missing or misplaced patches from History

Discussion - None

Vote - Motion Passes

New Business

Annual Budget

- Treasurer handed out budget handouts. Need procedure for creating budget.

- Chief: Based on 600 members; need to increase membership. Adults cannot request money; all requests must come from Youth.
- 2017 numbers are based on a 20% increase in Lodge membership
- Scout Shop: "Those in outlying areas can call me, mail me, email me...anything to get [dues, etc.] paid."
- Chief: Should we place on our website a place to pay dues and for events online through Doubleknot? "That'd be cool."
 - "Would the Doubleknot system not have a fee to do it online?" "Oman: I'm talking with Scott to figure that out."

Motion - To approve the 2017 budget as proposed

Discussion:

- Q:"Why did Ceremonies need \$3000 for a trailer?" A: "It is necessary for a portable Ceremonies shed."
- Q: "Should we vove from 'Tech. for Comms.' to the capital expenses rows at the bottom?" A: "We're just approving the budget from the blue net row up."
- All chapter accounts are not zeroed at the end of the year.
- Treasurer working on procedure to establish a history/precedent for making budget.
- Q: "Why is Piankatank's number so big? 91 registered members? We have 44!" A: "That figure includes \$1 from early dues."
- \$1 bonus for chapters is an income for the chapter and an expense to the Lodge.
- "Chapters have been stacking some of these funds for years. There was no way to track it." "There _was_ no way to track it."
- This is the first time we've seen this stuff; Treasurer used to be mostly a placeholder in the LEC. Used to struggle to get specific information from committees and miniscule info from council for reimbursement.

Motion - To close discussion for Budget

- Discussion: None

Vote - Passes

Motion - To amend the original motion with Tech. from Comms. to capital expenses, and add Historian to the budget

Discussion: None

Vote - Passes

Motion - To approve the 2017 annual budget

- Discussion: None

Vote - Passes

Budget Procedures

- Council updated theirs, so we're updating ours to match theirs
- Conflict between Lodge Rules and new Policy: (Lodge Rules - Can spend budget items without additional authorization) (New policy - Must obtain permission before spending any money)
 - Summary of a long conversation: The new policy requires Council authorization before any money can be spent for a Lodge function to increase accountability and keeping track of what money goes where. The Budget just passed sets a budget amount, but we must keep in mind that "Budget and cash are not the same thing". The Treasurer Team, including Staff Advisor Zach Oman, will swiftly take care of authorization for all expenses below 2500 (higher requires LEC approval). This new policy mirrors popular policies where request forms are required to spend money in a business or even a camp director. This new policy will also help us make a budget for next year.

Motion - To change our policies to Council's policies

- Discussion: (Pending Lodge Rules changes)

Vote - Carries

- Pumpkin: Organized and ran by Crew 595. Parked 69 cars the day of, OA lodge helped with parking and concessions. About 6 Troops competed, most camped, and the location produced interest in the community.

Motion - To reimburse Mr. Morris's purchase of banners for Pumpkin Chunking

- Discussion: None

Vote - Carries

Staff Advisor's Minute

- Let's grow membership and stay out there in the community, like at council events (Lumberjack, etc.). Continue in service as we are now, like no other Lodge is doing in the state.

Advisor's Minute

- Thanks to Schminke for filling in for Morris during Fall Fellowship as he was wrapped in marriage. Great council support at Pumpkin.

Lodge Chief's Minute

- Go to Holiday Banquet! Pay dues, go to Conclave! I want 250 to go!

Meeting closed with OA Song at 18:28

No LEC in December. Happy Holidays!